

Building the National Network System for Environmental Protection

Shared knowledge in a single homoegeneous network

The Italian Experience on IED inspections

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Background

Relevant outcomes of the IRI in ARPA Lombardia - Como Department on May 21-24 2012

 Any violation of an IPPC permit has to be sent immediately to the prosecutor. In some European member states there is a more flexible system to deal with violation of IPPC permits which is very strict on criminal breaches and less strict on minor breaches.

- Consider using IMPEL risk assessment for setting inspection priorities.
- It could be considered to compare permits for companies with plants also in other regions in order to obtain a level playing field.
- It could be considered to give higher priority to getting other regions at the same level of expertise on IPPC inspections.

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Purposes

Drafting an overview of the situation of IED inspections among Italian EPAs

Producing a draft handbook for peer review in the italian environment system

Carrying out the first national peer review on IED inspections at a regional EPA

Producing the final report and disseminating the results at national and international level

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Participants

agenzia prevenzione ambiente energia

emilia-romagna





8 Agencies

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11 Experts

6 Plenary Meetings



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The project

Overview of the situation and best practices in environmental inspections in Italy (focus IED)

<u>First phase</u>: collection of programmatic-organisational and technical-procedural data and **information on the IED inspections** conducted by all regional/provincial Environmental Agencies and by ISPRA.

<u>Second phase</u>: **peer review** of Environmental Agencies selected on a voluntary basis. The peer review was carried out based on the IMPEL REVIEW INITIATIVE (IRI) set up by IMPEL.

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The Questionnaire

150 questions in 16 sections

2 groups of topics: programmatic-organizational and technical-procedural

19 Regional Agencies out of 21 have answered the questionnaire

The national Agency ISPRA has answered the questionnaire

The regional Agencies answering the qustionnaire sum up some **7.800 italian municipalities**

The regional Agencies answering the qustionnaire cover more than **6.000 IED installations** of regional level



ARPA's role in IED inspections: assessment of technical,procedural, programmatic and organisational aspects

0. Personal details

- 1. Identification of the audit team
- 2. Scheduling and drafting of a detailed control plan
- 3. Audit execution times
- 4. Any provisions/procedures/instructions issued by the Management of the participating Environmental Agencies
- 5. Transmission and evaluation of the plant operator's monitoring and self-control data
- 6. Assessment by ARPA of the plant operator's disclosure obligations
- 7. Sampling and subsequent laboratory analyses carried out by ARPA as part of an audit
- 8. Verification by ARPA of requirements and obligations related to the following environmental parameters: wastewater, emissions into the atmosphere, waste
- products, noise, odour, protection of soil and groundwater, etc.
- 9. Assessment of the application of general and industry-specific BATs
- 10. Promotion of compliance and continuous improvement
- 11. Directions to the Competent Authority
- 12. Baseline report
- 13. Emmission Trading (CO 2 and climate change)
- 14. Companies with a major accident risk (Seveso Directive)
- 15. Livestock enterprises IPPC activities referred to in point 6.6 of Annex 8
- 16. Economic impact of the IPPC audits on ARPA

Compiling instructions

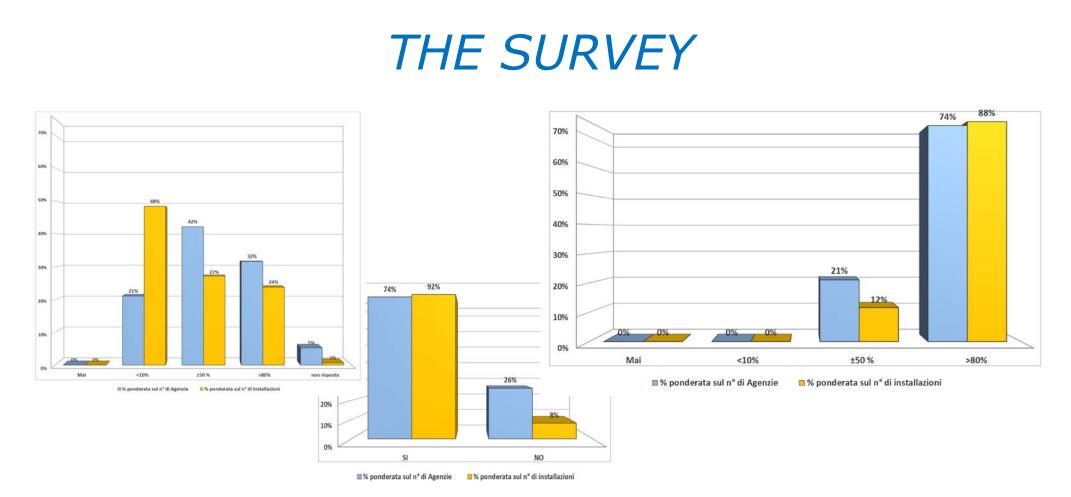
First type: YES / NO / sometimes

Second type: NEVER, <10% (infrequently carried out actions), ± 50% (averagely carried out actions), > 80% (frequently carried out actions)

Third type: use of numbers or explanations

First and second type answers: please tick in the proper box





All the questionnarie feed backs transposed into diagrams

Comments and conclusions to each section

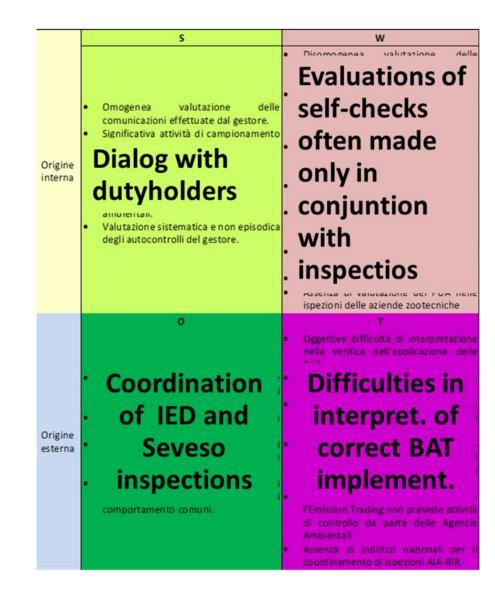
Summary conclusion and main findings



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SWOT Analysis on the Italian IED Inspection System



Non completa ed uniforme adozione della programmazione delle ispezioni attraverso strumenti di valutazione del rischio (tipo SSPC). Costituzione dei team ispettivi a livello Difficoltà nell'applicazione delle norme territoriale (migliore conoscenza dell anticorruzione relativamente alla contesto). rotazione del personale. Presenza di personale specializzato per Disomogenea presenza di procedure le varie matrici oggetto dell'ispezione. Programmazione delle ispezioni sulla Lack of IT **Availability** tools for of specialized collection of technicians self-checks ispezioni da parte del personale UPG results quando presente all'interno delle Agenzie. Attività formative diffuse nel sistema a rendicontazione delle attività. seguito dell'emanazione di Difficoltà di quantificazione delle aggiornamenti legislativi. risorse economiche necessarie a fronte delle tariffe corrisposte. Assenza sostanzialmente generalizzata di strumenti di consuntivazione dei costi legati alle attività ispettive. Common Under training staffing of inspectors una plattatorm rapporto finale e per gli aspet Creazione

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The Handbook

Stato di fatto e migliori pratiche

nel campo dei controlli ambientali

MANUALE PER L'ORGANIZZAZIONE E LA CONDUZIONE DELLE PEER REVIEW

Dicembre 2015

(Area 7 PT 2014-2016 - progetto RR7.2 AIA-AUA)

Manuale peer review - Dicembre 2015

Officially approved by the national council of the italian EPAs on March 15th 2016

Developed on the pattern of the IMPEL IRI SCHEME

Field tested during the first national peer review in october 2016

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The first italian peer review on IED inspection

Held in Arpa Campania from 4th to 6th October 2016

7 experts in the project team from 5 agencies

More than 30 experts from Arpa Campania

4 Topics:

- legislative and regulatory framework
- role of Arpa Campania in the permitting procedure
- organizational framework
- technical framework

1 Case study: Acerra WTE plant





Conclusions and main findings for each topic

Final report approved by the participants and by the national council of the italian EPAs

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Dissemination



Workshop held at Italian Chamber of Deputies on October 19th, 2017 presentation of the Survey, the Handbook and the Final Report



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Executive summary



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Lessons learnt An assessment of the work

The IRI pattern has been almost «literally» followed

That was very good

- Product ready for use
- Interest of the organizations in taking part in the projects (middle management and technicians)
- Committment of the people involved because of the need of sharing experience and knowledge

But

- High cost in terms of money and time as the number of *peer reviews* grows (both for hosting organization and experts)
- Follow up difficult to provide to the hosting organization
- Involvement of the top management of the organizations not really satisfactory
 So in the middle term we have probably to change direction....

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Remarks

Inside a single country it is likely easier to gather togheter organizations carrying out the same activity.

On the other side, in a single country, the processes are normally similarly regulated.

The NPRI could concern

>at horizontal level: the organizations operating in the same area of interest (e.g. inspection);

>at vertical level: the organizations operating in the same process (e.g waste management).

But it could also take into account both a specific area of interest and a specific process (e.g. organizations issuing permits to waste management plants).

This could be a point of relevant difference of NPRI and IRI

Use the tool to achieve alignment within a netowork

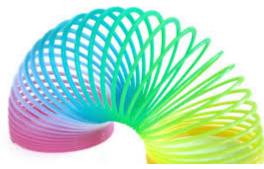
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KEY WORDS

The first word to highlight when considering NPRI is **flexibility**



The national scheme could likely be more flexible in its scope and goals than an IRI carried out among organizations from different countries.

The legislative framework is moreover common and this should help in a better understanding of the context and of the conditions.

Flexibility and a common legislative framework are really good starting points to make a NPRI easier to organise and carry out.

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The national level of the NPRI could, in principle, let the review team to be really aware in advance on the objective of the review (e.g. IED inspection) in connection not just to the hosting organization but to the whole national situation on the specific issue and to the extension covered by the review.



Saving of time and more focus when carrying out the peer review.

Backgound knowledge is for this reason proposed as a key word of a NPRI and tools should be proposed accordingly.

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KEY WORDS

Although the NPRI is conceived to watch «inside a country», conserving its **international perspective** is fundamental.

Giving up this perspective could eventually mean NPRI becomes just as making one more meeting among the many.

Conserving international background also means maintaining the right connection between NPRI and IMPEL

Really effective tools and organizational support must be identified to achieve the goal.



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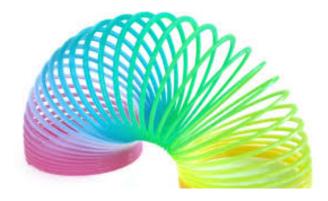
Training is really a pillar of the NPRI at every level and stage.

Tailored training programs are to be conceived for each of the figures involved in the process.

IMPEL as the promoter of both IRI and NPRI will play a key role in training activities at central and national levels.













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